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SUBJECT: MPLA SENSITIVE ABOUT PRESS COVERAGE

1. LUIS DE ALMEIDA, THE CHIEF OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN THE MIN-

ISTRY OF INFORMATION, A LONGTIME MPLA ACTIVIST, CALLED IN THE LOCAL WIRE SERVICE STRINGER MICHAEL CHAPMAN, TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A "SENSATIONALIST ARTICLE" THAT REFERRED TO AGOSTINHO NETO BEING DEPOSED AS PRESIDENT OF MPLA AND WHICH ALLUDED TO THE MPLA AS A MARXIST ORGWNIZAION. ALMEIDA MADE THE POINT THAT SOME MEMBERS OF MPLA ARE MARXISTS, BUT THE MOVEMENT IS NOT DOCTRINNAIRE. CHAPMAN WAS IN TROUBLE W FEW WEEKS AGO AFTER MINISRY OFF CIALS TOOK OFFENSE AT A NEWSWEEK ARTICLE THEY FOUND SENSATIONALIST. CHAPMAN SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO NEWSWEEK AND SENT A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE MINISTRY. HIS BYLPNE HAS NOT SINCE THAT TINE APIEAREDHIN THE MAGAZINE.

2. ALMEIDA ALSO CALLED IN THE EDITOR OF THE LUANDA DAILY "O CO-
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MERCIO" TO COMPLAIN ABOUT AN AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE ARTICLE ON THE FNLA

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ADVANCE AND PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING FNLA PRESIDENT HOLBEN ROBERTO
STANDING BY A SIGNPOST IN CAXITO SHOWING THE NUMBER OF KILOMETERS
TO LUANDA. ALMEIDA EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SIGNED AN
EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH AFP NOT LONG AGO PRECISELY IN ORDER TO
CONTROL DISSEMINATION IN ANGOLA AND HE WAS MIFFED THAT OTHERS
STILL HAVE ACCESS TO AFP STORIES. ALMEIDA HAS ALSO TRIED TO GET
EXCLUSIVES WITH REUTERS, BUT CONTRACTS WITH LOCAL PAPERS DO NOT
RUN OUT UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

3. ALMEIDA TOLD ME SOME TIME AGO THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY TO OBTAIN EXCLUSIVES WITH AS MANY WIRE SERVICES AS
POSSIBLE.

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